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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the final office action dated August 26, 2003 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-42 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103). Applicants have amended the independent claims to further distinguish over the cited art. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-42 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

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